

FOR GROUPS
11 NIGHTS/ 12 DAYS
BY PLANE AND LUX BUS
GRAND TURKEY TOUR

İSTANBUL-GALLİPOLİ-PERGAMON-TROY-EPHESUS-PAMUKKALE-ANTALYA-CAPPADOCİA



DAY 1 : **İSTANBUL**
Arrive to İstanbul " MERHABA HOŞGELDİNİZ " Welcome Meet our guide transfer to your hotel and overnight .

DAY 2 : **İSTANBUL**
(Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hippodrome, Grand Bazaar)
*We will get breakfast at hotel and we will start our tour from Sultanahmet area the heart of old İstanbul, at **Hagia Sophia**. Built by the Emperor Justinian in the early 6th century AD , the church is one of the marvels of world architecture. Converted into a mosque in 1453, it is now a mosque and museum. Next we will visit the **Blue Mosque** which takes its name from the exquisite tiles adorning its interior. The Hippodrome, ""the stadium of ancient Byzantium, held 100,000 spectators . The Grand Bazaar was the commercial heart of the old city and its 4,000 shops are full of treasures including carpets and kilims, silks, jewelry, ceramics, icons, and leather goods. Wandering through the **Grand Bazaar**, indulge in some shopping, Ottoman style. Afternoon we continue our tour at **Topkapi Palace**, which, from the 15th to the 19th century, was the principal residence of the Ottoman Sultans. We will visit Imperial Treasury and the Baghdad Kiosk. Topkapi Palace is now a museum and has collections of jewelry, It possesses numerous Ottoman court costumes and ceramics, notably including one of the world's finest collections of Chinese celadon ceramics, many of which were gifts from other rulers. We also visit the Imperial Armory, displaying centuries of Ottoman weaponry. End of tour transfer to our hotel .and overnight*

DAY 3 : **İSTANBUL**
(Spice Bazaar, Bosphorus Cruise)
After breakfast we will start with a brief visit to the 17th century Spice Bazaar, one of İstanbul's most colorful, bustling attractions. Next, we travel the Golden Horn on our way to an unforgettable cruise along the Bosphorus, the majestic strait that runs through İstanbul, linking Europe and Asia. From our cruise boat, we view the Bosphorus' wooded shores: mosques, a bridge that for a time was the world's longest and Rumeli Hisari, a massive fortress built by Mehmet the Conqueror in just three months as he prepared to take İstanbul. On tour we will see 19th century mansions of the Ottoman elite and the Sultans' fanciful gingerbread palaces and hunting lodges. End of tour transfer to hotel overnight at hotel .

DAY 4 : **İSTANBUL-GALLİPOLİ**
After breakfast in hotel early in the morning we will start journey to Gallipoli. When we arrive we will start Gallipoli Tour. One of the most important places in Turkey, today we visit the Worl War I Battlefields of Gallipoli. We will visit _Brighton Beach,Beach Cemetery, ANZAC Cove,Ariburnu Cemetery, ANZAC Commemorative Site, Respect to Mehmetcik Statue,Lone Pine Australian Memorial, Johnston's Jolly, (Turkish and Allied trenches and tunnels), Turkish 57. Infantry Regiment Cemetery,The Nek,Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial, After the tour check-in to your hotel. Overnight in Çanakkale.

DAY 5 : **TROY-PERGAMUM -ÇANAKKALE**
After breakfast in our hotel we will visit Troy and Pergamum, First place will be ancient city of Troy, famous for the legendary Trojan horse from the times of Beautiful Helen, Queen of Sparta we visit Troy, home of the famed Trojan Horse and then continue to Pergamon. Pergamon is home of one of the Seven Churches in Turkey. We will first visit Asklepion a center of medical treatments then Acropolis on the hilltop to the east. Finally we will visit famous Red Basilica. After the tour we will continue to Kusadasi. Transfer to hotel and overnight.

DAY 6:

KUSADASI

(Pamukkale Travertines, Hierapolis Ruins)

After breakfast in our hotel, we will travel to Pamukkale to enjoy the spas, pools, and terraces of this natural wonder, called the "Cotton Castle". The brilliant white calcified terraces do truly resemble a castle made of cotton. We will also spend time in Hierapolis, with one of the largest and most diverse necropolis in the world. After the tour, We will transfer you to the hotel and overnight in Kuşadası

DAY 7 :

KUSADASI-ANTALYA

(Ephesus.Ruins, Temple.of.Artemis,..Virgin.Mary's.House)

After breakfast in our hotel First we will visit Ephesus ruins starting from the upper gate and see famous Celsus Library, Hadrian Temple and Ephesus Antic Theatre which has a capacity of 25000. Next we will stop by at Temple of Artemis once was a one of the seven wonders at ancient times. Then we will head to Virgin Mary's House where she spent her last years. After the tour we will be transferring to Izmir Airport for your flight to Antalya. Upon arrival Antalya we will meet and transfer to hotel. Overnight in Antalya.

DAY 8 :

ANTALYA

(Perge.Antic.Site,AspendosTheatre,Town.of.Side)

After breakfast in your hotel We will visit well-known Pamphylian cities Perge and Aspendos. **Perge** was the capital city of Pamphylia , a vast Roman province, with a combination of Roman, Greek and Byzantine cultures and a stadium with a capacity of 12000. After Perge we will drive to **Aspendos** Aspendos theatre is one of the best preserved Roman amphitheatre on the Asian continent. Built into a steep hillside and big enough to host 15000 people, it was used to stage plays in second century A.D. it is still used today for operas and ballet festivals because of wonderful acustic . After visiting the amphitheatre you can experience the amazing engineering of the city's high aqueduct near the Eurymedon river. Later we will transfer to Side where is a peninsula, famous with roman type of theatre. Side used to be one of the most important trade centre in antiquity . After tour transfer to hotel and overnight..

DAY 9 :

ANTALYA- CAPPADOCIA

After breakfast in our hotel we will transfer to Antalya Airport for your domestic flight to Cappadocia. After arriving Cappadocia we will meet and transfer you to your hotel.and overnight.

DAY 10 :

CAPPADOCIA

(Göreme.Open.AirMuseum,Zelve.Valley,Devrent.Valley,Cavusin.Village,Avanos)

After breakfast in our hotel we will first visit **Göreme Open Air Museum** Resembles a vast monastic complex composed of scores of refectory monasteries placed side-by-side, each with its own fantastic church. It is obviously the first sight to be visited by any traveler in Cappadocia, standing as it does in the very center of the region with easy access from all directions. It contains the finest of the rock-cut churches, with beautiful frescoes (wall paintings) whose colors still retain all their original freshness. Then we will visit **Zelve Valley** Fairy chimneys with multiple stems and caps can be found here. A chapel dedicated to St. Simeon and a hermit's shelter built into such fairy chimney with three heads. Then we will transfer to **Devrent Valley** Devrent is 1 km from Zelve Valley. The ruins at Devrent are spread over three valleys which also house several pointed fairy chimneys with large stems. Next stop is **Cavusin Village** One of the oldest settlements in the area. The church of st. John Baptist offers a panoramic view of the village. This church and its paintings date back to the 5th century, making the oldest church in the region Last place we will visit **Avanos** A center terra cotta work of art since 3000 BC. The clay which comes from the Red River passing through the town, gives life both land and local economy.After busy day we will transfer to hotel and overnight .

DAY 11 :

CAPPADOCIA

(Kaymakli Underground City, Pigeon Valley, Uchisar Rock Castle, Esentepe Panorama, Rose Valley)

Optional Ballon Tour Over The Fairy Chimneys : Flying in a hot air balloon is an amazing and unforgettable experience which you will never forget. Very early in the morning you will be picked up from your hotel After breakfast in our hotel we will start tour first stop will be **Kaymakli Underground City** built under the hill known as the Citadel of Kaymakli and was opened to visitors in 1964. The people of Kaymakli (Enegup in Greek) village have constructed their houses around nearly one hundred tunnels of the underground city. The inhabitants of the region still use the most convenient places in the tunnels as cellars, storage areas and stables, which they access through their courtyards. The Kaymakli Underground City has low, narrow and sloping passages. While the underground city consists of 8 floors below ground, only 4 of them are open to the public. today, in which the spaces are organized around ventilation shafts. Then we will visit **Pigeon Valley** A moderate walk in a green valley with many different rock formations and hundreds of pigeon houses carved into fairy-chimneys. Then we will drive to **Uchisar Rock Castle** Uchisar is the name of the town and the fortress in the town. This 60mt. (200ft) high fortress was not built but carved out of a natural hill dominating the area with a breathtaking view of all the surrounding Cappadocian formations. Our next place to visit will be **Esentepe Panorama** this is the best panoramic viewpoint of Goreme. and **Rose Valley** It has beautiful rock formations with some great hidden rock-carved churches. After tour we will transfer to hotel and overnight .

DAY 12 :

CAPPADOCIA-İSTANBUL

After breakfast transfer to Cappadocia Airport for domestic flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival Istanbul Airport continue to international terminal for your homebound flight. End of our tour.

INCLUDED

- * Domestic flight tickets
- * Travel by lux airconditioned lux Bus
- * 11 Nights Hotel Accommodation
- * 11 Breakfast
- * Entrance Fees
- * Professional licensed tour guide
- * All Taxes

EXCLUDED

- * International flight
- * Tips
- * Visa fr Turkey
- * Drinks
- * Personal expenses
- * Travel insurance

PACKAGE RATE:

Per Person in Dbl/ Twb :
Single supplements :

CLOSED:

**HAGIA SOPHIA CLOSED ON MONDAY REPLACED WITH UNDERGROUND BASİLİCA CİSTERN *SULTAN TOMBS CLOSED ON MONDAY REPLACED WITH LİTTE HAGIA SOFİA ST SERGIUS & BACCHUS * BLUE MOSQUE VISİTED FROM OUTSIDE ON FRİDAY MORNINGS BECAUSE OF NOON PRAYER *GRAND COVERED BAZAAR CLOSED ON MONDAY REPLACED WITH AUTHENTIC SHOPS *TOPKAPI PALACE CLOSED ON TUESDAY REPLACED WITH TOUR TO BYZANTIUM *DOLMABAĞÇE PALACE CLOSED ON MONDAY THURSDAY REPLACED WITH EYÜP+PIERRE LOTİ COFEE HOUSE +MİNİATÜRK OPEN AIR MUSEUM* ST SAVİOR İN CHORA (KARİYE MUSEUM)CLOSED ON MONDAYS.*

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